

is not enough time for 911 to get to Sidney, Nebraska, to get to Ogallala, Nebraska or to get to Omaha, Nebraska. We can only surmise that then the patient would have been deceased. Now, Senator Clark, I grant you that we are talking about not a high percentage, but when you are dealing with as many numbers, a one half of one percent, that is still human beings. That is still people. And maybe nobody has died yet but there have been adverse reactions to these types of solutions. One final point, no where in the bill, no where in the bill is there any mention about percentages. We now have in the bill, miotics, which is used for treatment, can be used for treatment and it definitely, if this bill sails along, must be stricken. It has to be stricken but nowhere in the bill do we deal with percentages. Senator Clark assures us obviously the optometrists would not dare to use a higher percentage than what logically should be used, but even in the hearing, Senator Clark will admit there was a difference in opinion in terms of what a safe percentage was. At the very least, and I don't think we should be practicing medicine neither, but the very least we have to come up with some sort of standards. We cannot just allow this bill to pass and not have any specific references made to percentage of the solutions. Nowhere in the bill does it do that.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, one minute.

SENATOR SIMON: I support the kill motion. I don't think that this bill is ready for its time. I think that it needs a lot of work. I move that we indefinitely postpone LB 9.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, would Senator Clark yield to a question please? Senator Clark, I know that I said in the past I have had some problems with the bill but I would like more than anything to reassure myself, I suppose, as to the qualifications of the individuals who would use the drugs. Now the amendments that have been added to LB 9 provide that the optometrists shall be licensed to use these drugs after he has completed a test, is that right?

SENATOR CLARK: Yes. First thing, he has to be certified for by the Board of Optometry and the Board of Health.

SENATOR SCHMIT: He has to first take a course and then he has to secondly take a test?